

FAMILYGRAM 03-10
CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

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RMKS/1. THIS NAVADMIN IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SUPPORT SERVICES, ASSISTANCE AND ENTITLEMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO NAVY FAMILIES. THIS MONTH WE ARE FOCUSING ON SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE: MILITARY CHILDREN.

2. BACKGROUND. IN 1986, APRIL WAS DESIGNATED THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD BY FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPER WEINBERGER. THE MONTH-LONG OBSERVANCE WAS SET ASIDE AS A TIME TO APPLAUD MILITARY FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE SACRIFICES THEY MAKE AND OBSTACLES THEY OVERCOME, SUCH AS FREQUENT MOVES, SCHOOL CHANGES AND SEPARATION FROM A DEPLOYED PARENT. THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MILITARY CHILDREN FOR THEIR COMMITMENT, STRUGGLES AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM. WHEN PARENTS SERVE IN THE MILITARY, THEIR CHILDREN SERVE TOO.

3. NAVY CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS (CYP). CYP PROVIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH TRUSTED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ASSIST IN COPING WITH CHALLENGES MILITARY FAMILIES FACE, MAKING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRESS AND SUCCESS. CYP WORLDWIDE ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) MILITARY CHILD CARE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, WHICH PROVIDES DEVELOPMENTAL CHILD CARE AND YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGES FOUR WEEKS TO 18 YEARS. NAVY CYP AND SERVICES ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AND OPERATED TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE MILITARY MISSION, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. NAVY CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, ACTIVATED RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS, DOD CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, AND DOD CONTRACTORS. YOUTH AND TEEN RECREATION PROGRAMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF MILITARY RETIREES. SPECIFIC PROGRAMS ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. NAVY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS PROVIDE QUALITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES SIX WEEKS TO 5 YEARS AT 144 CENTERS WORLDWIDE.

B. CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOMES OFFER QUALITY CARE IN A LOVING, LEARNING HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AGES FOUR WEEKS TO 12 YEARS. THE FLEXIBLE HOURS, 24/7 CARE, LOW CHILD-TO-ADULT RATIOS AND CONVENIENT LOCATIONS MAKE THIS AN EXCELLENT OPTION FOR FAMILIES WHOSE NORMAL WORKDAY IS ANYTHING BUT NORMAL.

C. SCHOOL-AGE CARE PROGRAMS PROVIDE QUALITY BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES SIX TO TWELVE YEARS AT 86 CENTERS WORLDWIDE.

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D. YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS OFFER DEVELOPMENTAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW - ALL WHILE HAVING FUN.

E. CHILD AND YOUTH EDUCATION SERVICES HELP LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS BY PREPARING SCHOOLS AND INSTALLATIONS TO RESPOND CONFIDENTLY TO THE COMPLEXITIES OF TRANSITION AND DEVELOPMENT. THESE SERVICES PROVIDE NAVY FAMILIES THE ASSURANCE THAT THE ACADEMIC WELL-BEING OF THEIR CHILDREN IS A PRIORITY.

F. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NAVY CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, GO TO: WWW.CNIC.NAVY.MIL/CYP OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM.

4. REQUESTING CHILD CARE. REGISTERING FOR ANY OF OUR WORLDWIDE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CAN BE COMPLETED VIA AN ONLINE REQUEST FOR CARE (RFC). VISIT WWW.CNIC.NAVY.MIL/CYP AND CLICK ON THE APPLY FOR CHILDCARE LINK. ONCE YOU APPLY, YOUR REQUEST IS AUTOMATICALLY FORWARDED TO THE LOCAL PROGRAM.

5. EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP). THE EFMP IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST SAILORS BY ADDRESSING THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THEIR EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (EFM) DURING THE ASSIGNMENT PROCESS. SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL, DENTAL, MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL OR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY, ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT OR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES AND SERVICES. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE EFMP IS TO ENSURE THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE EFM ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW ASSIGNMENT LOCATION. SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRES UP-TO-DATE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION AND EXTENSIVE COORDINATION AMONG THE PERSONNEL, MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES. EFMP ENROLLMENT IS MANDATORY AND REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY UPON IDENTIFICATION OF A SPECIAL NEED. COMMAND POINTS OF CONTACT AND NAVY MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY (MTF) EFMP COORDINATORS CAN ASSIST SERVICE AND FAMILY MEMBERS WITH THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS.

A. THE EFMP RESPITE CARE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO OFFER PARENTS IN-HOME CARE WITH SPECIALIZED PROVIDERS TRAINED TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF THE EFM. THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, ELIGIBLE NAVY FAMILIES CAN RECEIVE UP TO 40 HOURS PER MONTH OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AT NO COST TO THE FAMILY.

FOR MORE INFO ON EFMP AND THE RESPITE PROGRAM GO TO:

[HTTPS://WWW.CNIC.NAVY.MIL/CNIC_HQ_SITE/FLEETANDFAMILYREADINESS/FAMILYREADINESS/FLEETFAMILYSUPPORT/FAMILIES/SPECIALNEEDSFAMILYMEMBERS/](https://WWW.CNIC.NAVY.MIL/CNIC_HQ_SITE/FLEETANDFAMILYREADINESS/FAMILYREADINESS/FLEETFAMILYSUPPORT/FAMILIES/SPECIALNEEDSFAMILYMEMBERS/)

6. OPERATION PURPLE. EACH SUMMER, THE NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION (NMFA) OPERATION PURPLE PROGRAM OFFERS SUMMER CAMPS TO CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS. THE GOAL OF THESE CAMPS IS TO IMPART THE MESSAGE THAT KIDS SERVE TOO. EACH CAMP IS JOINT OR "PURPLE" - ENCOMPASSING ALL SERVICES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE - AND IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE CAMPS, WHICH LAST FROM FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS, LET MILITARY KIDS EXPERIENCE CAREFREE FUN WHILE LEARNING COPING SKILLS FOR DEPLOYMENT-RELATED STRESS AND FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER KIDS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS. THE OPERATION PURPLE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES LEADERSHIP CAMPS FOR TEENS, FAMILY RETREATS AT NATIONAL PARKS AND CAMPS GEARED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF OUR NATION'S WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS. FOR MORE INFO, GO TO: [HTTP://WWW.OPERATIONPURPLE.ORG](http://WWW.OPERATIONPURPLE.ORG).

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7. FUTURE FAMILY GRAMS WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SPECIAL INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELATED WEB-BASED RESOURCES:

A. MILITARY YOUTH ON THE MOVE. SELECT THE TROOPS AND FAMILIES TAB AND THEN MILITARY YOUTH ON THE MOVE AT
[HTTP://WWW.MILITARYHOMEFRONT.DOD.MIL](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil).

B. SCHOOL QUEST. AN ONLINE RESOURCE FOR FINDING FUTURE SCHOOLS FOR YOUR CHILDREN, GO TO: [HTTPS://SCHOOLQUEST.ORG](https://schoolquest.org).

C. ACADEMIC AND CAREER HELP AT NO CHARGE: [WWW.TUTOR.COM/NAVY](http://www.tutor.com/navy).

D. SPECIAL NEEDS/EFMP INCLUDING THE DOD SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT TOOLKIT. SELECT THE TROOPS AND FAMILY TAB THEN SPECIAL NEEDS/EFMP AT
[HTTP://WWW.MILITARYHOMEFRONT.DOD.MIL](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil).

8. POINT OF CONTACT IS MS. BETTY TALLEY, OPNAV N135F AT
(901) 874-4299/DSN 882, OR VIA E-MAIL AT [BETTY.TALLEY\(AT\)NAVY.MIL](mailto:BETTY.TALLEY(AT)NAVY.MIL).

9. RELEASED BY MS. STEFFANIE EASTER, N1B. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.//

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